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From Thursday, August 13, to Monday, August 17, 1668.

Yarmouth, August 12.

ON Monday last arrived here two Ships of this Town from *Normy*, laden with Rask. Several French Ships are lately passed thorow these Rodes homewards, bound from the Northern Seas with Fish.

Portsmouth, Aug. 13. The *Thomx Allen* with his Squadron continues still at *Spithead*, where are also the *Warspight*, *Raper*, and the *Resolution*, attending Orders to put in and disarm.

Madrid, July 25. His Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich* is lately departed from this Court, taking the way of *Cadix*, intending to take a view of the Mole at *Tangier* before his return into *England*. The Marquis of *Lerna* is lately dead, and his Charge at *Salarrá* disposed of to the Count *Pignoranda*.

From *Cadix* we are assured that the Fleet for *New Spain* is at Sea with a fair wind, consisting of 17 great Ships, bound for *Terra Firma*, and 6 for *St. Domingo, Cuba*, and other Islands, and that there are aboard them near 4000 men, and above 500 Pieces of Cannon.

They tell us that by a Vessel lately arrived from *Sallee*, they had intelligence that *Tassafete* had lately fought a Battle against the *Sante* of *Sallee*, in which he obtained a considerable Victory, and that the said *Sante* was killed upon the place with great numbers of his people; and that the City of *Alseph* was surrendered into the hands of the Conquerour.

They farther say, that the people of *Fes* had acknowledged *Tassafete* for their King, and had accordingly sworn Obedience to him; that he was now marching towards *Morocco*, whose King being lately deceased, it was believed the people would open their Gates to him, and submit themselves to his Authority: so that all that Countrey would in little time be reduced to his Obedience.

From *Lisbonne* we are informed that the Cortes or Three Estates of *Portugal* had confirmed the Prince *Don Pedro* in the Government and Regency of that Kingdom, and in solemn manner sworn Obedience to him accordingly; the Ceremony being performed in the Great Hall of the Palace, where the Prince was seated upon a Throne raised some few steps above the rest, the Duke de *Cadaval* standing at his Right Hand with the Sword drawn, the Prince took first a Solemn Oath for the Government of that Kingdom according to the usual Customs and Privileges; the Ceremony ending with an Excellent Speech pronounced on that Occasion by *Don Pedro Fernando Monsegro*, Principal Secretary of State. The Queen has resolved for the future not to accept of any other Title but that of Princess.

The Cortes still continue their Assembly, and are proposing several methods and expedients of raising Moneys for the discharge of the Crown-Debts; and 'tis believed will fix a Tax upon all Publick Writings, as also upon Wines and other Commodities according to a former Act for raising Moneys for the Fortifications of *Tangier*.

They are ordering out to Sea 5 of their best Men of War to secure the return of two rich ships expected from the *East Indies*, with 8 others from *Brasil*.
Malaga, July 29. They 29 instant came into this Port a small Vessel from *Tangier*, informing us that *Goyland* despairing of his life, *Argillas* had quitted that place, and was fled to *Argiers*, and that about 300 of his people were forced to put in at *Tangier*, not knowing to what place to re-

pair for security, but had intention to follow their Master also to *Argier*.

Vienna, Aug. 5. Some few dayes since arrived here the *Sieur Geisen* Chancelour to his Electoral Highness the Duke of *Nieburg*, and lately his Envoye in the Court of *Poland*, giving His Imperial Majesty an account of the state of Affairs in that Kingdom; and informing him that the General Assembly of the States of the Kingdom is to be held the 27th instant, to which the Emperour intends to send some Honourable Person of his Court, to be present and assistant at the Election of a Successor to that Crown.

Towards the end of the last Month arrived here another Chisux from *Hungary*; who upon admission to his Audience, made several fresh complaints against the *Hussars* and *Hayduques*, for their frequent plunderings upon the Borders; who upon examination seem to excuse themselves by recrimination, pretending that they onely adventured upon reprisals, and have not made any attempt upon their Quarters, but upon great provocations to recover what was before by force taken from them.

His Imperial Majesty has been frequently moved to disband a considerable part of his new raised forces; but at present the unsettled condition of *Poland* seems to him a sufficient Apology for the contrary.

On Thursday last died here the Prince de *Gonague* President of the Council of War, in the 63 year of his Age, of whose loss the Emperour and the whole Court seem to be very sensible. The Emperour has disposed of his Charge to the Count de *Montecuculi*, if the indisposition of his body hinder him not from imbarking in an affair of this Concernment.

The Envoye from the Grand Duke of *Moscovy* still continues in this Court, upon whose arrival a Council has been called to consider of his Credentials, which being found to be an herick and according to form; he may in 14 dayes be admitted to his Audience from the Emperour.

Hambourgh, Aug. 14. From *Berlin* we are advised, that his Highness the Elector of *Brandenburgh* departed thence for *Prussia* the 7th instant, and that 6000 men were in small Companies on their march to follow him; and that the said Elector having been declared Tutor to the Estate and Children of the late deceased Duke of *Aspach*, had dispatched some of his Ministers to take care of that affair.

From *Ratisbona* we are told by Letters of the 6th instant, that the States are the busily employed upon the consideration of the best Methods for providing for the security of the Empire, and were forming a Treaty wherein all the Princes of the said Empire should be obliged in order thereunto.

That his Highness the Elector Palatine had lately written to the Assembly, to inform them that the many provocations he had received from his neighbouring forces in *Homburgh* and *Ländstut*, had obliged him to have recourse to his Arms, but 'tis hoped by a reasonable interposition those Differences may in little time admit of a Reconciliation.

From *Cologne* we are informed, that the Elector of that place hath dismissed and disbanded a considerable part of his forces; and that the Duke of *Neuburg* having lately passed thorow *Darmstadt*, was there complemented by several persons deputed by the Neighbouring Princes; and is since departed thence for *Neuburg*.

From *Stockholme* they tell us, that since the return of their Majesty

Majesties to that City; the Heer de Groot, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, has had several Audiences and frequent Conferences with the Principal Ministers of that Kingdom, concerning the Triple Union; the Ratification whereof has been some days since dispatched. The Treaty between the Emperour and that Crown being also arrived, the Baron de Basserode, the Emperours Resident presented it to the Ministers of State who have since proceeded to exchange it: so that this Affair is also ended, to the mutual satisfaction of both Courts.

Brussels, Aug. 17. On Saturday last his Excellency the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo named several persons to be sent into Burgundy as Commissioners, to take informations concerning all such persons as being Members of the Parliament of Dole about the time of the late French Invasion of that County, had so far forgotten their Allegiance to His Catholick Majesty, as that they are more than suspected to have largely contributed towards the Conquest. The Persons at present nominated are Monsieur Simon, President of the Provincial Council of Arthois, Monsieur Coezell, one of the Members of the Grand Council, and Monsieur Pass, one of His Catholick Majesties Advocates in the Provincial Council of Flanders. 'Tis believed that the greater part of the Parliament will be found to have been defective in their Duties and Allegiance to the King of Spain, only 3 of them having at present cleared themselves from that suspicion, by their timely Protestations against what the rest of the said Parliament voted in favour to the French interest, and refusing to sign the Capitulations agreed upon for a surrender. These Commissioners are now issuing out with all convenient speed, under His Catholick Majesties Great Seal, and their Instructions prepared, 'tis said with full power to make such changes as they find convenient for the settlement of that County.

The Prince of Aremberg has been lately at Nancy where he has made an agreement for the Entertainment of such forces of the Duke of Lorraine as shall enter themselves into the Spanish Service, for the present security of Franche Comte.

His Electoral Highness of Cologne has dismissed a considerable part of his forces. 'Tis believed his Excellency the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo may prevail with the said Elector to send 2 or 3 thousand of them, such as the Marquis shall make choice of, to march likewise into Franche Comte; where are already arrived a party of about 500 of them; and entered into the Spanish Service.

His Excellency has already disposed of the Governments of several of the small Towns and Garrisons in the County of Burgundy.

Here is lately arrived the Marquis de Zera'vo from Spain, having taken his journey by land and passed thorow France. 'Tis said he is to be employed in the Charge of Great Master of the Household to Don Juan. The Count de Momerey has sent to the Countess his Lady, to embark her self with the first conveniency for Spain, so that 'tis not believed he intends to return again into these parts; there having been formerly some misunderstandings between him and Don Juan.

The seven hundred Spanish foot which lately arrived at Offend, are disposed of into convenient Quarters, above 2000 more are expected with Don Juan, but his coming is retarded for a month longer. The Barses of Silver which arrived lately, are to be suddenly minted, and to be employed by his Excellencies Order, to pay off the Garrisons.

Paris, Aug. 20. A Courier lately arrived from Portugal brings Letters from the Prince Don Pedro, to the Bishop of Laon at the Hostel de Vendome, acquainting him that in acknowledgment of his good service and fidelity, he was resolved at the next promotion of Cardinals to demand a Cap from his Holiness to be bestowed upon him; which Letter the said Bishop received with infinite satisfaction, and has already received the complements of several of his friends upon this Nomination, and if it succeed, in-

tends to pass under the Name of the Cardinal D'Estrees. The Marquis de Louvois is making more than usual haste to the Netherlands, intending this day to begin his journey taking with him 4 divisions of his Majesties Guards, amounting to about 3000 horse, upon information newly arrived of some new ailures written about the imposition of Tolls which the Spaniards require, and our people desired to be freed from; upon this delay of payment, the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo ordered the Officers to proceed to distress: whereupon resistance being made, about 12 of the French were killed in the quarrel.

For the better ending of all Controversies between His Most Christian Majesty and the Crown of Spain, His Majesty has been pleased to order a Memorial to be given in to the Heer Van Beuninghen, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, of what he at present pretends to, as dependencies upon his late Conquests; particularly to Conde, as depending upon the City of Aeth, the Fort of Linke upon Berg, and the Counterscarp and Sluices of Nieupoort as belonging to Furnes; farther declaring, that in 3 months time he will give them an account of all his other pretensions, and in the mean time intends to appoint Commissioners to take information upon the several places of his New Conquest, for his full satisfaction.

The Ambassador from Moscow is upon his way hither, with a Train of above 50 persons attending him, and may be expected here in 3 or 4 days.

On Friday morning arrived at the Court a Courier from Poland with the News that in some of the lesser Diet in that Kingdom, it had been proposed that Monsieur the Duke of Orleans be elected as Successor to that Crown; and that many persons of consideration had expressed themselves in his favour, and that Prince Charles of Lorraine was arrived on the Frontiers, to encourage such persons as seemed to promote his pretensions to that Crown.

From Lisbonne we have late advice that the Spaniards have drawn together about 15000 men upon the Frontiers of Portugal, and begin to insist upon the liberty of King Alphonso; and that the Prince Don Pedro has ordered six Persons of Quality, all of them Portugueses to be secured, upon suspicion of holding private correspondency with the King his Brother and the Court of Spain, to the disturbance of the Publick Peace; and that a Priest is also seized on, to give an account of six journies lately made by him into Spain, where 'tis suspected he has conferred with Marquis de Castel Melhor upon the same subject.

Deal, Aug. 15. On Sunday last sailed out of the Downs, the Montague, Leopard, Tarmouth, Tyger, with the Eagle, and Portsmouth Ketch; but were all of them except the Ketch forced back again by contrary winds. This morning they weighed again, and sailed with a Fleet of near 50 sail of Merchant ships, all of them Outwards bound.

Advertisements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are come to the payment of the 55th Order in Number and course upon the Act for the Eleven Months Taxe.

Those that are concerned in that Order and the preceding Orders to that number (which are yet unpaid) may upon producing their Orders receive their Money.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, having by His Majesties Command, under Consideration, the making of a New Contract for the Victualling of His Majesties Navys have thought fit to publish that they will be ready to receive the Proposals of any able and sufficient Undertakers, on Thursday being the 20th of August instant at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; and in the meantime such as are desirous to undertake the said Victualling, may repair to Sir George Downing, and see the Conditions under which it is to be performed; that so they may the better propose, the doing the same at reasonable rates.